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SUBJ: BLITZER ON US-ARAB RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM STORY BY WASHINGTON
BASED CORRESPONDENT BLITZER CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE
OF JUNE 1 JERUSALEM POST. STORY REPORTS IMPORTANCE
PLACED BY US OFFICIALS ON GOOD RELATIONS WITH
EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT FORD WILL INFORM
PRESIDENT SADAT IN SALZBURG THAT THE US IS
DETERMINED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO
COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OVER THE COMING
YEARS, INFORMED AMERICAN SOURCES SAID HERE YESTER-
DAY.

3. ALTHOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION'S REASSESSMENT
OF MIDDLE EAST POLICY HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY
CONCLUDED, FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY
KISSINGER ARE SAID TO BELIEVE THAT A FUNDA-
MENTAL PREMISE OF ANY FUTURE US POLICY IN
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THE REGION MUST BE BASED ON CLOSE RELATION-
SHIPS WITH EGYPT--AND ALSO SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN.

4. THE SOURCES HERE SAID THAT SUCH AN AMERICAN POLICY, BASED ON THE SUPPORT OF A CAIRO-RIYADH-TEHRAN AXIS, IS DESIGNED TO ACT AS A COUNTER-WEIGHT TO INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH DESPITE SUPERPOWER DETENTE THE US IS DETERMINED TO RESIST.

5. FORD AND KISSINGER APPARENTLY BELIEVE THAT PRO-US GOVERNMENTS IN THESE THREE STATES ARE THE KEY TO POLITICAL STABILIZATION IN THE REGION AND THE AVOIDANCE OF ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. THEY ALSO APPARENTLY BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE WEST CAN BE PREVENTED AS LONG AS WASHINGTON MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA--THE RESPECTIVE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LEADERS OF THE ARAB WORLD.

6. BUT THE PRESIDENT AT THE SAME TIME WILL TELL THE EGYTIAN LEADER THAT THE US IS ALSO COMMITTED TO THE SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL, UNDERSCORED RECENTLY BY THE PRO-ISRAEL LETTER SENT TO THE PRESIDENT BY 76 US SENATORS.

7. AMERICAN OFFICIALS HERE ASSERT THAT SADAT DOES NOT OPPOSE THIS US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, PROVIDED THAT IT INCLUDES ONLY ISRAEL'S PRE-1967 BORDERS. SADAT HAS DECLARED SEVERAL TIMES IN ADVANCE OF TODAY'S MEETING THAT HE WILL ASK FORD WHETHER THE US SUPPORTS ISRAELI "OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES" OR WHETHER IT FAVORS A WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL TO THE 1967 LINES..

8. SADAT, WHO CAN BE VERY CONVINCING AND SINCERE IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTERNERS AS EVIDENCED BY HIS SUCCESSES WITH SOME US CONGRESSMEN, CAN BE EXPECTED TOAY TO REITERATE FORCEFULLY HIS ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE WITHIN THESE BORDERS. HE IS SAID TO BE ANXIOUS TO SHOW FORD, WITH WHOM HE
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HAS NEVER MET BEFORE, THAT ISRAEL'S "INTRANSIGENCE" IN HOLDING ON TO THE TERRITORIES REMAINS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

9. WHAT CONCERNS PRO-ISRAEL SUPPORTERS HERE IS THAT THEY KNOW THAT SADAT CAN BE VERY EFFECTIVE IN THESE ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS..

10. AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN A RECENT REPORT BY "NEW YORK TIMES" JERUSALEM CORRESP-

ONDENT TERENCE SMITH SUGGESTING THAT ISRAEL CONSIDERS THE PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK DURING THE LAST ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY TO HAVE BEEN EGYPT'S REFUSAL TO HAVE THE ACCORD REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR.

11. SMITH QUOTES ISRAELI OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT IF THE EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT FOR THE DURATION OF AN ACCORD CAN BE EXTENDED "TO THREE OR MORE YEARS..THIS WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO A RESUMPTION OF TALKS." AMERICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT EGYPT MAY BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT AND POSSIBLY A THREE YEAR PACT.

12. MIDDLE EAST ANALYSTS HERE (IN WASHINGTON) ARE CONVINCED THAT SMITH MET WITH PREMIER RABIN BEFORE WRITING THE DISPATCH. BUT THE SAME OFFICIALS ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THIS ISRAELI PROPOSAL REPRESENTS A NEW BARGAINING POSITION OR WHETHER IT WAS MERELY A "TRIAL BALOON."
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